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25X1A A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

The first of two conferences on area training was attended on 11 December at [REDACTED] (OTR's language school near [REDACTED] by the faculty of the Language and Area School and senior grade area specialists of the DDP. Purpose was to promote a clear and free exchange of views of the present Program and how it should be modified. Wide agreement was evident on a high-priority continuing need for the Americans Abroad Orientations, Current Problems Seminars, and Integrated Language/Area Studies. In the survey categories, only courses on the Middle East, France, and Italy were rated high. [REDACTED] Special Assistant to C/PP, informed us of the Director's gratification with our unique Americans Abroad Orientations. Our area training planning for fiscal 1959 and OTR's long-term plans for area instruction staff and facilities can be based on far more exact information concerning Agency requirements as a result of these conferences. A similar conference with senior grade area specialists of the DDI and DDS is scheduled for 5 February when it is expected related but somewhat different interests will be indicated.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. We provided Joseph West of Army Special Warfare with information on training materials for certain unusual and neglected languages.
2. We held a special QRP to provide the OCR/CSB with guidance to assist them in planning the career of an employee. The panel included a consultant from the DDP.
3. Most of this week is being consumed with individual conferences to assist staff employees in development of their career plans for consideration in January.
4. We are beginning to identify and invite persons for the next Area Advisory Committee conference on 5 February.
5. In preparation for forthcoming QRP's, we have interviewed [REDACTED] of OCR and [REDACTED] of OO/FDD.
6. We are beginning to develop plan for a beginning course in spoken Thai for FE and have located a qualified instructor whose office will permit him to teach the course.

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